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C. ____ This is a PCT application in the entry of the National Phase in the United States. A copy of the International Search Report is attached for the Examiner's information. The documents listed on the International Search Report are listed on the attached Form-1449 for consideration by the Examiner and for listing on any patent resulting from this application. Since the International Search Report was from the US, EPO, or JPO search authorities, copies of these references should have been supplied to the USPTO under the trilateral agreement and are believed to be in the file of the above-identified application. (MPEP 1893.03(g))

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1. ____ See the attached foreign search report.
2. X English translation is provided for JP 07 262 984

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14.		5,683,835	11/4/97	Bruce		
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5.		JP 61 165 961	07/26/86	Japan		Abstract	
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